



Welcome to the December 2019 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Schools

Safer Internet Day 2020

Theme for 2020—Together for a better internet!



Save the date!
Help spread the word!
Safer Internet Day is on
Tuesday 11th February 2020
Find out how your school can
get involved on the day by
visiting:
www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day 2019 had a real impact on young people's behaviour, knowledge and confidence. Read the 2 page report and find out more about the impact of Safer Internet Day 2019 [here](#)

Have you heard about SWGfL's ProjectEVOLVE?

What is it?

ProjectEVOLVE has been developed to complement the UKCIS framework [Education for a Connected World](#) :

Self Image and Identity: shaping online identities and how media impacts on gender and stereotypes

Managing Online Relationships: relationships and behaviours that may lead to harm and how positive online interaction can empower and amplify voice.

Online Reputation: strategies to manage personal digital content effectively and capitalise on technology's capacity to create effective positive profiles

Online Bullying: strategies for effective reporting and intervention and how bullying and other aggressive behaviour relates to legislation

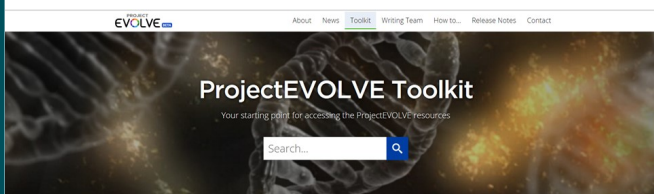
Managing Online Information: offers strategies for effective searching, critical evaluation and ethical publishing

Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle: understanding negative behaviours and issues amplified and sustained by online technologies and the strategies for dealing with them

Privacy and Security: behavioural and technical strategies to limit impact on privacy and protect data and systems against compromise.

Copyright and Ownership: protecting personal content and crediting the rights of others as well as addressing potential consequences of illegal access, download and distribution.

Review the content including Toolkit and free resources [here](#)



Helpline dedicated to children's workforce

Remember! The Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH). Review their video:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline> Tel: 0344 381 4772

Problematic Smartphone Use

Analysis of more than 41 studies involving more than 41,000 participants in Europe, Asia and America of under-20s by **King's College London** found that one in four youngsters used phones in a way consistent with a behavioural addiction.

Problematic smartphone use includes:

- feeling panicky or upset when the phone is unavailable
- finding it difficult to control the amount of time spent on the phone
- using the phone to the detriment of other enjoyable activities

(*www. The Guardian 29/11/19*) Read the article [here](#)

Free Mobile Phone resource pack

Free Mobile Phone resource pack for schools available from **The SchoolBus** includes:

- Guidance
- Policies
- Templates (Posters and leaflets)
- Available [here](#)

Is your school's data safe?

The Christmas holiday is fast approaching so it seems appropriate to raise the following questions:

- How safe is your school's data?
- What would you do if a key member of staff is unavailable (Data Manager/Network Manager) at the start of term?
- Does your school have an up to date **Data Security Policy**?
- Does your Data Security Policy include provisions for homeworking/anytime/ anywhere/access?
- Would you know if your school experienced a Data Security Incident?
- How resilient is your school's IT network?
- Is your school's network protected from internal and external threats?

Contact [Scomis](#) for impartial and objective advice on:
Infrastructure Services
Network Solutions and Services
Remote Back-up

National Cyber Security Centre's 10 steps to Cyber Security

10 Steps To Cyber Security: At-a-glance

An effective approach to cyber security starts with establishing an effective organisational risk management regime. Find out more [here](#)

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